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SUBJECT: PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON ISRAELI ATTACK:
- JUNE 11
1. A JUNE 11 PRAVDA COMMENTARY CONTINUES THE SOVIET EFFORT TO PLACE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ISRAELI

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RAID INTO IRAQ ON THE UNITED STATES. IT SUGGESTS THAT US CONDEMNATION WAS AN ATTEMPT TO DELUDE ARAB GOVERNMENTS AND ARGUES THAT THE "MILITARY ACCENT OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAD LED TO INCREASED ISRAELI ADVENTURISM AND AGGRESSION.
2. EXCERPTS FROM THE PAVEL DEMCHENKO COMMENTARY ENTITLED "UNDER WASHINGTON'S COVER" FOLLOW:
-- AMONG THE CHORUS OF CONDEMNATION OF THIS UNPRECEDENTED ACT CAN BE HEARD THE VOICE OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, WHICH TROUGH WITH A DELAY AFTER ALL STILL MADE ITS ANNOUNCEMENT PUBLIC. WHAT IS THIS? IS IT AN ATTEMPT TO DELUDE ARAB

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GOVERNMENTS OR IS IT THE REALIZATION THAT THEY COULD NOT HAVE REACTED DIFFERENTLY IN A SITUATION OF GENERAL INDIGNATION AT THE INSOLENCE OF THE ISRAELI RIGHTIST CIRCLES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BOTH REASONS APPLY SIMULTANEOUSLY.

-- IT IS A FACT THAT ISRAELI POLICY, AS DEMONSTRATED BY EVENTS OF PAST YEARS, IS TO A NOTABLE DEGREE A REFLECTION OF THE U.S. COURSE. LATELY, THE GROWING MILITARY STRESS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY (ESPECIALLY AFTER THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION CAME TO POWER, HAS STRENGTHENED ADVENTURISM AND AGGRESSIVENESS OF ISRAELI ACTIONS.

-- ON TOP OF EVERYTHING, THESE ACTS ARE NOT ONLY BEING COVERED UP BY WASHINGTON, BUT ARE BEING MATERIALLY SUPPLIED AND PAID FOR BY WASHINGTON. IN THE PAST FISCAL YEAR ALONE, ISRAEL RECEIVED FROM THE U./.S. ALMOST THREE BILLION DOLLARS, TWO-THIRDS OF WHICH IS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

-- IT IS CLEAR THAT WASHINGTON CARRIES THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY FOR THIS BRIGANDAGE,

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BUT FOR THE ENTIRE AGGRESSIVE COURSE OF ISRAEL WHICH IS LEADING TO EXTREMELY DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES AND WILL COST THE PEOPLES DEARLY.

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